

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18297

This bill is one of a series of bills that the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required under article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. Under Idaho Code § 67-2358, public agencies may retain collection agencies to collect public debts, including restitution owed to crime victims. But other statutes that address the use of collection agencies do not discuss the collection of restitution. Neither Idaho Code § 19-4708, which provides for the use of collection agencies by the clerks of the district courts for the collection of “debts owed to courts,” nor Idaho Code § 20-520(3), which authorizes the court in a Juvenile Corrections Act case to order the juvenile or the juvenile’s parents to pay restitution, address the use of collection agencies to collect restitution. This bill amends these statutes to specifically authorize the use of collection agencies to collect restitution owed to victims of criminal acts.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no impact on the general fund.

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